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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 818
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lorene Jones, Shelby County business and community leader.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize persons who serve as positive role models in the business community and work with extraordinary diligence and dedication to improve their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Lorene Jones of Memphis is one such community leader, who has worked tirelessly through a variety of activities to enhance Memphis neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, formerly of Brooksville, Mississippi and a Licensed Cosmetologist, Lorene has successfully owned and operated Lorene's Beauty Shop since 1965; and

WHEREAS, she is the founder of the highly regarded South Memphis Citizens United for Action (S.M.C.U.F.A.); a group that serves as an excellent role model for new neighborhood organizations and has received several awards for its adroit work; and

WHEREAS, Lorene produced a popular and informative show on cable television called "Our Neighborhood" for eight years; and

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WHEREAS, in the finest tradition of the Volunteer State, she has served admirably on several important boards, including the West Precinct Police Advisory Board and the Environmental Court Board; and

WHEREAS, Lorene's countless contributions to neighborhoods and astute business leadership have been recognized through her receipt of numerous awards and honors from the Shelby County Commissioners, the Memphis City Council, the Memphis City School System, and the state of Tennessee; in 1998, she was named the Neighborhood Leader of 1988; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her strong and abiding faith as an active member of the First Baptist Church Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, Lorene is a devoted mother of two successful daughters, who each strive to emulate their mother's fine example of hard work and helping others. Her oldest daughter, Ophelia Jones, is a Registered Nurse at the Grady Diabetic Clinic, in Atlanta. Her younger daughter, Patricia Williams, is a school teacher at Newberry Elementary School in Memphis, and has dedicated her life to being a resource teacher and helping those with special learning problems; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the exemplary work of Lorene Jones; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Lorene Jones on her outstanding contributions to the Memphis community and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.